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DATE: 30 MAY 74

SUBJECT: PEKING REASSERTS CLAIM TO SOVIET-HELD ISLAND

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PEKING, AS EXPECTED, TODAY VIGOROUSLY REASSERTED ITS CLAIM TO A DISPUTED ISLAND ALONG A SENSITIVE STRETCH OF THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER AND REJECTED MOSCOW'S DEMAND THAT CHINA MUST FIRST CLEAR THROUGH OFFICIAL SOVIET CHANNELS PASSAGE BY CHINESE SHIPS THROUGH ████████████████████ THE ██████████ AREA. THE CHINESE NOTE SAID THAT THIS AMOUNTED TO AN ATTEMPT TO "BLACKMAIL" CHINA INTO RECOGNITION OF SOVIET TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO THE LARGE ISLAND AT THE ██████████FLUENCE OF THE AMUR AND USSURI RIVERS.

THE REAFFIRMATION OF CHINA'S POSITION CAME IN A BRIEF BUT BITING STATEMENT ISSUED BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN. IT WAS

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IN RESPONSE TO A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT PUBLISHED A WEEK AGO.

THE CHINESE REPLY MADE NO MENTION OF PLANS TO SEND BOATS THROUGH THE DISPUTED CHANNEL. AS IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, PEKING IS UNLIKELY TO FORCE PASSAGE. THE TARDINESS AND LOW LEVEL OF CHINA'S RESPONSE SUGGEST THAT PEKING WISHES TO KEEP THE DISPUTE IN LOW KEY. E2 IMPDET H

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